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Application of: Robert J. Hariri

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PLACENTA, ITS USE AND  
PLACENTAL STEM CELLS  
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Attorney Docket No.: 009516-0050-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application on the merits, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendment made herein and consider the following remarks. Applicant submits concurrently herewith the following documents:

- (a) Appendix A, a marked up version of the specification showing the amendment made herein;
- (b) Exhibit 1, a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed February 13, 2002; and
- (c) Exhibit 2, a copy of the executed Declaration of Robert J. Hariri filed February 13, 2002.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 3, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application is a continuation-in-part" with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of pending applications No. 10/004,942, filed December 5, 2001 which claims priority to United States provisional